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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments on Bureau of the Budget Paper "Suggested  
Replies to Questions Raised by Senate Report 1026"

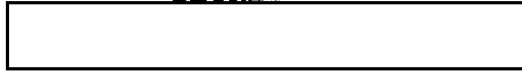
1. The Bureau of the Budget has prepared replies to various suggestions for improving national policy machinery put out by the Jackson Subcommittee in an interim report. It is not clear whether Budget's draft represents its own views only, or whether it is intended to be the position of the Executive Branch. DCI has asked OCI for suggestions as to how the draft could be altered to reflect the role of intelligence in "Policy-Making at the Summit."

2. I think there are reasons why CIA should not insert anything on intelligence in this document.

A. The draft has a somewhat political flavor. It appears designed to defend the present organization for national security in toto, and to portray it as the best organization possible. With minor exceptions, every suggestion made by the Subcommittee is disapproved, while no counter-suggestions are offered. The Subcommittee is likely to view it as something less than a constructive contribution. It seems to me questionable whether CIA should associate itself with such a paper by making changes in it in view of our present excellent relations with the Subcommittee.

B. Both the Subcommittee's report and Budget's reply are intended for public consumption. The Subcommittee does not mention the role of intelligence or any intelligence agency, even where such mention would appear essential. Since by this omission it is evidently deferring to our desire to remain inconspicuous, we would in effect be replying to a criticism which had not been made.

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3. If it nevertheless is necessary to add a discussion of our role, the best place for it appears to be at the end of the second "Answer" on page 1. Suggested language is attached.



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